AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the first paragraph in the application with the following amended paragraph:

This application is a divisional application of U.S. Application No. 09/544,373, filed April 6, 2000, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 09/287,617, filed April 7, 1999. The entire content of each of these U.S. Applications is incorporated herein by reference.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 21 of page 22 with the following amended paragraph:

Intermediate tube 210 extends from a manifold 212 to the distal end 214. Manifold 212 may be provided with any of a variety of access ports, depending upon the desired functionality of the delivery catheter 138. In the illustrated embodiment, the manifold 212 is provided with a vacuum port ~~214~~ 215. The vacuum port ~~214~~ 215 is in communication with a central lumen (not illustrated) within the intermediate tube 210, which communicates with the cavity 124 in probe 18 when the probe is engaged in the docking structure 142. This enables application of vacuum to the vacuum port ~~214~~ 215, to draw tissue within cavity 124 in the probe 18 as has been discussed.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 7 of page 24 with the following amended paragraph:

Fig. 16 illustrates the delivery catheter 138 in a position such that the probe 18 is in contact with the wall of the tissue structure 224. Vacuum has been applied to the vacuum port ~~214~~ 215, which is in communication with the cavity 124 by way of intermediate tube 210 and lumen 130. In this manner, a portion of tissue 224 has been drawn within cavity 124.